



CALTRANS TRAFFIC ALERT

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Paving Work on U.S. Highway 50 May Delay Traffic In South Lake Tahoe

South Lake Tahoe – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is advising motorists to expect up to 10-minute delays on U.S. Highway 50 in South Lake Tahoe between Fremont Avenue and Trout Creek Bridge beginning on **Wednesday, September 14**. Crews will begin grinding and paving operations as part of a stormwater and water quality improvement project.

Beginning September 14, motorists can expect lane closures from **7 a.m. to 7 p.m.** Night work will continue from **7 p.m. to 7 a.m. (Monday – Friday)**. Work is scheduled for completion in early to mid-October. (Traffic controls will be in effect 24 hours a day)

Buses and school traffic for South Tahoe Middle School and Saint Theresa School will be accommodated, with minimal delays. Some city bus stops will be inaccessible. Affected city bus stops will have signage directing city bus riders to the next available stop. For additional information related to city bus stops, please contact Martin Jimenez at **BLUE GO** at 530.542.5700 (x 111).

This work is part of a two-mile, \$40.6 million road improvement project on U.S. Highway 50 from Trout Creek Bridge to Ski Run Boulevard in South Lake Tahoe. This project, a part of the Environmental Improvement Program, includes new sand traps, stormwater detention vaults and filtration ponds to collect and treat runoff before it reaches Lake Tahoe. In addition, the project will help reduce vehicle emissions by adding Class II bike lanes, Americans with Disabilities Act -compliant sidewalks, and pedestrian lighting. Other features include new intersection signals, landscaping and streetscaping.

Caltrans urges motorists to use caution in this area and to "Slow for the Cone Zone."

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